

Silverton Historic District
Silverton
San Juan County
Colorado

HABS No. CO-53

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Colorado	COUNTY San Juan	TOWN OR VICINITY Silverton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Silverton Historic District		HABS NO. CO-53
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Silverton, Colorado		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1873-1910		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Silverton, a vast mining district in southwestern Colorado, was established in 1874. Miners came to Silverton seeking gold in the 1870's, but instead found silver, copper and lead. Silverton reached its peak year in wealth and population in 1879.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Notable structures are the Grand Imperial Hotel, Courthouse, Town Hall, United Church of Silverton.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Mining declined after 1920 in Silverton, however, several mines are still operable.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places		
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